

REMARKS

Applicants express appreciation to the Examiner for the courtesy of the recent interview granted to Applicants' attorney. The claim amendments made by this paper are consistent with the proposed claim amendments and with other suggestions made by the Examiner during the course of the Interview held June 16, 2004.

The first Office Action, which was mailed April 22, 2004, considered and rejected claims 1-34. Claims 1-24 and 27-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Lee (U.S. Patent No. 6,336,197), while claims 25 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee in view of Subramaniam (U.S. Patent No. 6,081,900)¹.

By this paper, each of the independent claims (1, 14, 22, 27) have been amended². Dependent claims 3, 5, 16-17, 23, 29, 31 have also been amended to provide consistent use of claim language and dependency, while claims 2, 15 and 28 have been cancelled, and new claims 35-37 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-14, 16-27, 29-37 now remain pending for reconsideration.

As discussed during the interview, the cited art fails to anticipate or obviate a method or computer program product, as claimed, wherein a front-end server receives a request for content from a client in a secure protocol and upon identifying a back-end server having the requested content, sends the request to the back-end server in a second protocol with protocol information identifying the first protocol, and wherein the front-end server subsequently receives a response from the back-end server in the second protocol that includes one or more resource identifiers that are specific to the first communication protocol, but wherein the back-end server would have responded to the request from the front-end server with resource identifiers specific to the second communication protocol if the protocol information was not included in the request.

The cited art, fails to disclose or suggest any method in which such a combination of acts would occur. Instead, Lee (which was solely used to reject the independent claims) is directed to an intermediary gateway server that acts as a translator for translating requests and responses

¹ Although the prior art status of the cited art is not being challenged at this time, Applicants reserve the right to challenge the prior art status of the cited art at any appropriate time, should it arise. Accordingly, any arguments and amendments made herein should not be construed as acquiescing to any prior art status of the cited art.

² As discussed during the interview, support for the claim amendments is drawn from cancelled claims (2, 15, 18) as well as the disclosure found on p.18, ll. 13-18 of the specification.

transmitted between a WAP client, or another client using a different language, and a WWW server. (Col. 3, ll. 40-63; Summary; Fig. 2, 3). The secondary reference, Subramaniam, which was only used to reject dependent claims 25 and 26 also fails to disclose the claimed methods for at least the reasons provided above, as well as those discussed during the interview. Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

As a final note, Applicant points out that the drawings have been amended to provide consistency between the specification and the Figures. The amendments to Figure 3A, as described above, correct errors that were identified by the Applicant.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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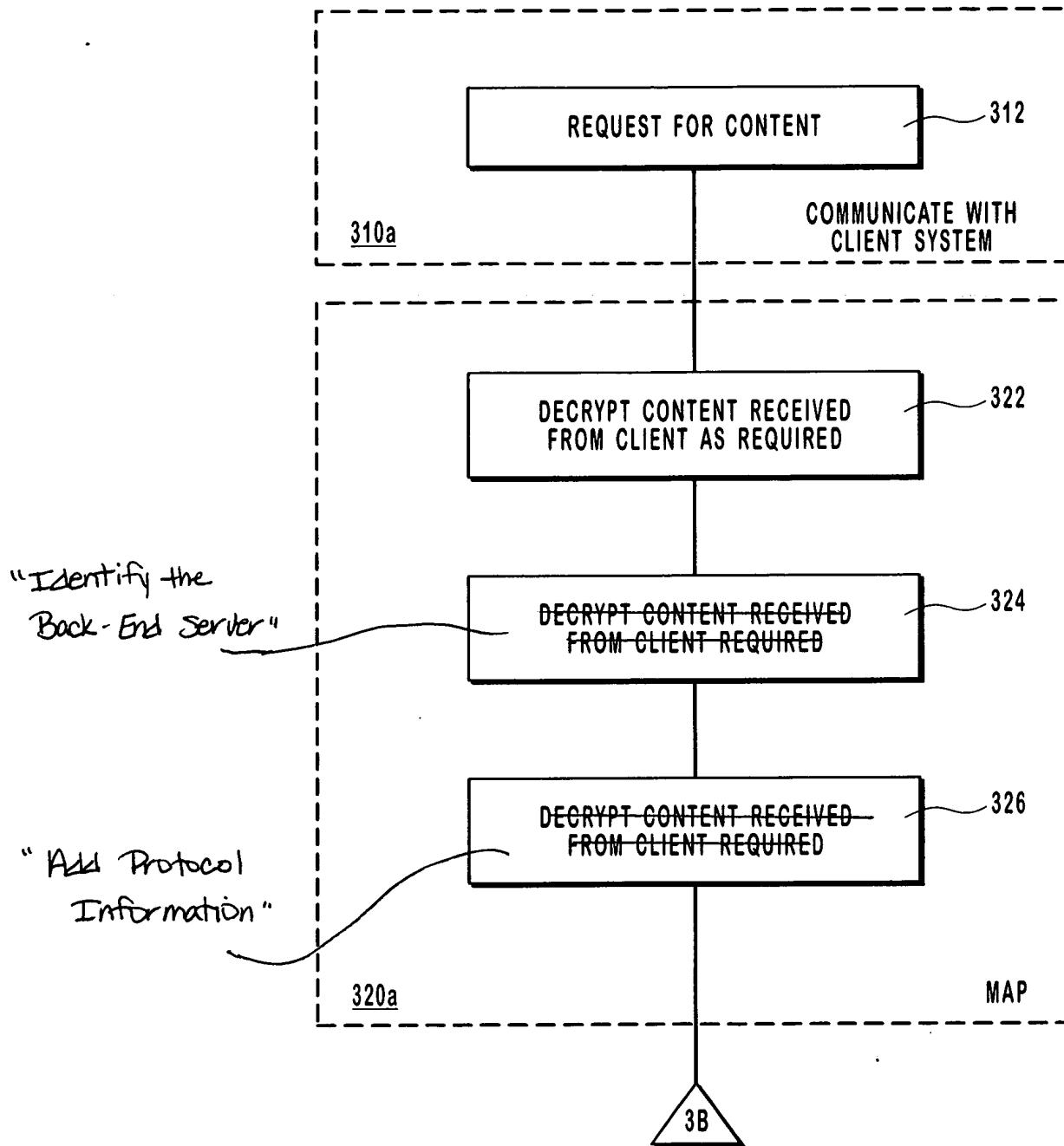


FIG. 3A